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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 25 August 1965

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[redacted] gave a briefing on the Yemen situation over the past three years covering the [redacted] (See Action Item 1)

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Cline noted a cable from [redacted] concerning North Vietnamese hard line on negotiations. He noted a [redacted] concerning the leadership's interest in the attitude of the populace on the war in Vietnam. He noted a memorandum concerning Indonesian aid to Kong Le. He reported on an Agency briefing of representatives of [redacted] who are interested in the [redacted] situation.

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[redacted] Soviet scientists on the Soviet concept of biological warfare. If true, this is a significant development since the Soviets have indicated interest in debilitating agents rather than lethal ones.

In response to the DCI's question at his morning briefing, R. Jack Smith explained the basis of the financial pressures of Imbert in the Dominican Republic. He noted [redacted] of US air strikes north of Hanoi, and also noted [redacted] that the Viet Cong were being more emphatic on infiltrating into the cities and towns.

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Abbot Smith reported that Ball of the Department had requested a NIE on the likelihood of a Communist take-over of Indonesia and the implications if such occurred. The estimate is to be ready by 9 September. (See Action Item 3)

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deSilva reported that he will be seeing DIA and J-2 this week to beef up the interrogation of the Viet Cong.

Warner noted that the DCI is scheduled to brief Mahon at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow. He reported that [] will brief on Agency operations [] (See Action Item 5)

Parrott noted that McGeorge Bundy had asked Clark Clifford to examine the new NRO agreement. He reported that the Agency is scheduled to brief the President's Board on 23 September. (See Action Item 6)

The Executive Director noted that Exercise [] 4 has been cancelled this year. He noted a new publication, "Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents," which will be available in OCR. (See Action Item 8) He reported that the Agency Cost Reduction Program was scheduled for delivery to the EOB on 1 September. The DCI agreed to review this presentation at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. (See Action Item 9)

DDCI reported that [] of the IG Staff would be the Agency's candidate for the Secretary of Defense's office and he requested that any member of the Executive Committee who had other views on this selection give him a call some time today.

ACTIONS

1. DCI commended [] briefing and suggested that these briefings be introduced with a short report on the basic ethnic composition of the country, geographic data, etc. (DDI)

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4. DCI requested that DIA be informed of his desire for photo reconnaissance coverage of the rail line [redacted] with emphasis on areas immediately adjacent to the [redacted] (SAVA)

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5. DCI requested that the following topics be included in his presentation to Mahon tomorrow: (1) [redacted] (2) increasing number of SAM sites in North Vietnam; (3) Southeast Asia as a "package." (Action (1) Legislative Council, (2) and (3) DDI)

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6. DCI requested that the Agency's 1966 Budget be included in a presentation before the President's Board sometime in October. (D/NIPE)

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8. Executive Director requested that the Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents be screened and items of interest to appropriate offices be brought to their attention. This would exclude press releases the responsibility for which remains with the Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs. (Legislative Council)

9. Executive Director requested that the deputies attend the briefing on the Agency's Cost Reduction Program in Room 6 D 5328 tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m..

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